

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant: Dumortier et al.  
Serial No.: 10/681,101  
Filed: October 9, 2003  
For: Device For Removing Mastic, Particularly For The Repair Of  
Joints In Structures Of Aircraft Tanks And Container For Use  
Therewith  
Art Unit: 1744  
Examiner: Guidotti  
Docket No.: 18342-000964  
Customer No.: 23456

**AMENDMENT**

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Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

In response to the Official Action mailed September 20, 2007, for which a Notice of Appeal was filed on March 12, 2008, and is now extended three months, applicants respond as follows.

**Request for Extension of Time**

Applicants request a three-month extension of time to and including August 12, 2008, within which to file the brief on appeal. A Request for Continued Examination (RCE) and this amendment are being filed in lieu of pursuing the appeal on this matter. The extension of time and RCE fees are being paid simultaneously with this electronic filing. Any further fees due in connection with the Amendment and RCE may be charged to Deposit Account No. 23-0035.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 9 of this paper.